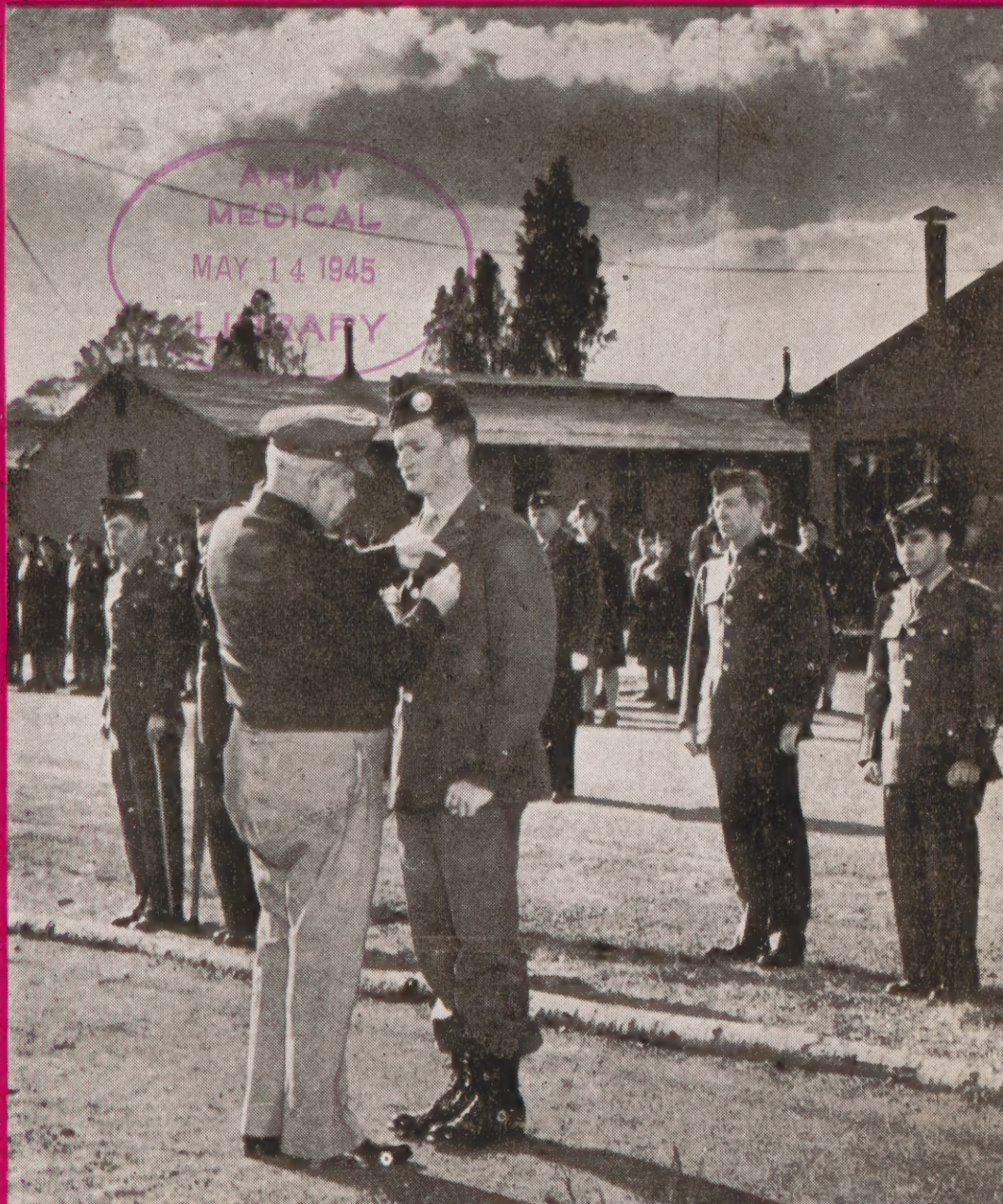


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EDITORIAL

We of the armed forces salute our new Commander-in-Chief, President Harry S. Truman, and pledge to him our sincere and wholehearted support, both at present, while hostilities continue, and during the critical post-war period of reconstruction and rehabilitation.

We have lost one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known. We shall not eulogize our late beloved President here, for the sorrow of the entire nation at his death is ample testimony of his leadership, his wisdom, his humane principles. The world is poorer for his passing.

But we have unfaltering confidence in our new leader. He will guide our forces to certain victory on the field of battle, and when the last shot has been fired, he will create the framework of a lasting peace. President Truman has stated his intention of executing to the fullest the policies of our late leader, and we, in turn, will give him our earnest cooperation.

The years which lie ahead are difficult and of tremendous significance in the lives of all mankind. Our devotion to our new leader is deep, our faith in him steadfast, and our loyalty unwavering. We offer him the best that is in us toward the successful prosecution of the war and the peace which will follow the Victory of our arms!



The 1st Combat Infantry Band, which recently entertained the patients at Tilton General Hospital. (Story on Page 8)

HE'S YOUR TOP-KICK

Sgt. Jonak is not new to the 1257th SCU, but he is new as 1st. Sgt. Having spent some time at the Annex, he really knows his way around the hospital, and has some good ideas as to what is expected of him and the detachment. First of all, he plans to coordinate the detachment into a more efficient organization, with more free time for all, and to boost the morale so that the men will be proud to soldier in this unit. When asked just how all this would come about he pushed his cap way back on his head and said, "I aim to establish a definite training program so that each man will know his job, and all noncoms will not only know their own job but also one other, which will tend to make the outfit more flexible, cooperate with the Colonel in all departments,

and wherever possible, to improve working conditions. For example, I would like to see an 8-hour day for the wardmen, to have hot meals for littermen and drivers who, because of duty, are absent at mealtime." Second, he would like to see a good recreation program, a joint day-room, and mixed athletics. Third, he would like to send a group of enlisted men from Tilton to study working conditions at other hospitals. Fourth, expedite present red-tape so that the enlisted men of the Detachment will know what is going on at all times. He would like it understood by all members of the Detachment that he is willing to listen to any and all troubles which may impair a man's work and cause a possible AWOL. In Sgt. Jonak's opinion, AWOLs are unnecessary.



Any man who jumps the hump does so in defiance, which shows lack of discipline and potentialities of the organization. "I can show no sympathy nor can I cooperate with any AWOL offenders, especially in view of the present policy". The good Sgt. was rather reluctant to go into details about himself. However, it came to light that he has been in the African campaign with

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Tilton Hospital's new senior Chaplain--Lt. Col. Park W. Huntington, comes to us with a long and brilliant record of service. He served nearly two years in World War I, enlisting in the Army Ambulance Service as a private and was discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Upon completing his seminary training he received a commission as 1st. Lt., Re-Chaplain serve Corps, in 1923, and 1927 was promoted to Captain and assigned as Regimental Chaplain, 198th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft, Delaware National Guard



The regiment was ordered into Federal service on September 16, 1940 and it was the first unit to be stationed at Camp Upton, Long Island. While there the Colonel not only served as Regimental and Post Chaplain but also as Post Welfare and Recreation Officer. It is with pride that he relates his struggles with appropriations, materials and red tape while supervising the building of "Ye Olde Opery House". Upon the theatre's completion the Chaplain brought shows from Broadway and surrounding communities to the camp and also staged boxing competitions. This work might be called the forerunner of Special Service, which later took over the theatre.

From Upton, his regiment was transferred to Camp Edwards where he served as Acting Brigade Chaplain in addition to his other duties. While here he helped to organize and plan local community activities which resulted in the U.S.O. at Falmouth, Mass.

Then to Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, with his regiment where he served as Fort Chaplain in addition to his regimental duties and assisted the City in organizing the Service Men's Welfare Committee. Next a brief stay at Hartford, Connecticut. Shipping orders came January 15, 1942 when he went overseas with his regiment as part of the famous Bobcat Force, the third force to land in the South Pacific.

On this island he served as Force Chaplain for over a year and also was Superintendent of the Island churches with two native pastors. He preached in the Tahitian language and was present at all marriage and christening ceremonies. The regiment moved forward to a new island base in the New Hebrides where again Lt. Col. Huntington served as Island Chaplain, having supervision over all Army and Navy Chaplains. A smile of happy recollection crossed his face as he recalled a contribution of \$1,000 which his Regiment collected to build and maintain a school for native children on this island.

The outfit then staged at Guadalcanal and the 198th was the only American Regiment with a New Zealand Brigade that participated in the taking of Jap-held Treasury Island.

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RECONDITIONING NEWS

Educational Reconditioning's stock took a decided upward surge with the announcement that supervised courses of study are now beyond the planning stage. Under the auspices of Dr. Roscoe L. West, the New Jersey State Teachers College is making available to us its staff of teachers. The courses planned are Mathematics (a basic and an advanced course), Algebra, Trigonometry, Business Law, American History, and English. These courses are standard USAFI, conducted under the supervision of the Armed Forces Institute. Classes will be held at night from 1800 to 2000 in the classrooms behind the Occupational Therapy shop (Building T-29-75) at the Annex.

The courses are conducted primarily for the benefit of those men who have not finished high school, but are open to all. For further information, call Extension 3187.

Another Reconditioning project rapidly gaining momentum is the Reconditioning Motor School, located in the shop behind Ward 105, under the supervision of Pfc. Frank Dorre.

With the arrival of Spring, physical reconditioning is moving outdoors. Equipment for softball, volley ball, basketball, badminton, goal hi, horseshoes, croquet, and numerous other games will be furnished, and regularly scheduled physical reconditioning classes will be held.

"The Difficult Things We Do Immediately, The Impossible Takes A Little Longer"

Each of you has seen this slogan somewhere on the Post, either on an office wall, in the orderly room, or in print. That is a stiff line to toe. When we had just begun to iron out our difficulties and achieve this aim, we were veered from our smooth running course by sudden and large expansion. This expansion has brought many problems with which to cope.

Let me cite just a few examples. Last July, Tilton General Hospital absorbed Fort Dix Station Hospital. This situation was not peculiar to us alone, but took place all over the country, necessitated by the need of general hospitals for men returning from overseas. This change brought with it reorganization and consolidation of all personnel, — officers, enlisted men, and three WAC Detachments. Every department in the hospital underwent remodeling, and all of us put in long hours and arduous labor toward the successful accomplishment of the merger.

Hardly had this been completed, with the enlarged Tilton functioning in apple-pie order, when a further expansion was ordered, greatly increasing the bed space. Once again we all pitched in to meet the new requirements, and once again we took it in our stride. "Expansion" has been the by-word since last July, and we are STILL expanding, with more wards, more patients and a larger personnel.

The many attendant problems have now and then disrupted our routine, but it is indeed gratifying to know how effectively the members of my Command



Col. S. Jay Turnbull, Commanding Officer, Tilton General Hospital

have executed the task at hand. They have overcome difficult obstacles in a manner indicating initiative, foresight and devotion to duty. They have shown great ability at adjustment, not only for themselves, but in the matter of orienting new personnel. The cooperation of every department and every individual has been thorough and sincere.

We face the future confident that any change, regardless of its nature, will be met competently, for we have demonstrated in the past that we can measure up to it, and remain "in the groove", no matter how deep

or rocky that groove may be.

Just a closing word to the older members of the Tilton family. Without your able assistance, the conversion and the subsequent expansion would have been impossible. The way you dug in, and the way you took it upon yourselves to show the new men the ropes, has not gone unnoticed.

And to the new members, I would like to say, "Welcome to Tilton General Hospital. We are glad to have you with us. We are proud of our unit, and we want you to share that pride, and to measure up to its standards."



Our Gals



Wactual Facts

By Sgt. Pearl T. Jackson

Five barracks are necessary, of course, since even quadruple-deckers couldn't accommodate us all in one. However, there are tragic disadvantages involved in our new manner of living.

Yes, we used to inhabit three separate barracks in our area, but remember, they were joined by hallways, and we convened in the mutually-shared laundries and showers. It was group living epitomized.

Ah, how different is the present state of affairs! Five separate colonies! Five separate kingdoms! Five strange and alien abodes!

No longer is each of us aware of what's cookin' with the whole detachment. Our knowledge now extends to one-fifth of the detachment. It's all very depressing, especially to a gossip-monger like your columnist. Depressing is hardly the word for it. We feel frustrated and lonely, and melancholy dwells within our bosom. We're like unto a painter without his brush.

Our sole common meeting-ground these lean days is the bulletin board which graces the distant orderly room. There we discover who was gigged for what, who must pick up shoe repairs, whose hair was seen hanging on her collar, who failed to sign the pay-roll, etc.

But the information is too sparse, too meager.

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Annex Angles

By T-5 Ann Rizzardi &

Pfc. Salome Stone

Following the natural trend of the season, WAC 6 is quickening with a new zest for life. As usual the sports-minded are dominating the scene,— in particular the softball group, animated by Pfc. Stone.

A number of the girls have turned out for the first practice periods, led by those enthusiastic daisies of the mound, Kopietzko, Omasta and Miller. Coached by men of the hospital Reconditioning staff, the team has unlimited possibilities as a potential threat to any opposing hopefuls.

The weekly drill period has started at last, a real chance for our Eastview graduates to prove their mettle. From first reports, they're really putting the girls through their paces. Reminds us of those reveille drills we used to have under Lt. Belk. Wonder if she remembers those half-clad days when some of us were caught short by the whistle?

Most popular by far is that incomparable pastime "furloughing", especially since furloughs have recently been "unfrozen". The real challenge comes when we are confronted by an all too inquisitive section chief, who has to be convinced of the necessity of our sojourn, that it has been long overdue, and that a rest is imperative for the most efficient execution of our duty and the congeniality of all concerned.

To Whom it

May Concern

By Pfc. Mary Mason

Very proud indeed are Sgt. Ethel Jennings and Pfc. Willie Collins! Joe is sending his Purple Heart to Eth, and she is more convinced than ever that he is responsible for the favorable newscasts. Collins is walking in a visible aura of reflected glory from Teddy Evans' Purple Heart. With her West Coast sophistication, she very calmly accepts the fact that he is a hero. The give-away is that twinkle in her eye as she writes her twelfth daily letter to Teddy.

Sgt. Mary Cody, T/5 Claudine Crawford, and 1st Sgt. Hortense Pharries were guests at the banquet given by the Fort Dix sports officials at Howard Johnson's.

When informed that Lt. Alma Sims could not attend because of illness, the Sports Staff sent her a lovely basket of flowers.

Special congratulations to Pfc. Bernice Goode, who has just received word that her husband, Sgt. Freedom Goode, has been awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in action.

Via the grapevine we learn that Gladys "Cherie" Banks has been proposed to by a young man with spring in his heart. Young love always brightens the rough spots in life doesn't it?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: Quintuplets were recently born in Captain Rosen's ward! The mother

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Colonel and Mrs. Turnbull recently made a special trip to New York to sup with Pegine and Ed. Fitzgerald at the swanky Le Pavilion. Pegine and Ed. are that awfully cheerful couple who click coffee cups and make with the choice repartee over WOR at 0815. Now the whole world knows that our Colonel is a swell fellow, BUT, "Someone ought to tell him that he can't sing." According to Ed, "he meowed up the works. In fact, speaking in the Army venacular, everything was snafu." Those are his words, so help me. It is thru the gracious efforts of the Fitzgerald's that Tilton has received so many welcome donations recently—everything from green houses to matches. We thank you both for all your efforts in behalf of the hospital—'tis a noble job you're adoin'.

Steve Martin has another title "Director of Refresher Course for Medical Officers." How many is that now, Steve, or have you lost count? Incidentally, Steve has built an Annex on his Dog House. The only occupants at the present writing are Tom White and himself, so Steve is trying to drum up another victim. He has tried his best to put Frank Smith in wrong with Nat but to no avail, and anyone desiring such accommodation, get in touch with Steve at any of his 110 locations, -he dosen't mind interruptions.

"Woody" Woodruff is a hard man. Three times he has evicted Susie and her brood of six kittens from the X-Ray Department. But Susie has no respect for rank and being a very smart feline, has disproved the old theory that "there is more than one way to skin a cat." She has changed the old saying to read, "There is more than one way to skin a Major." Each time she is carefully deposited in Ward 3 with her family, by orders of the Major, she waits a few hours until said Major has his attention distracted, and then transports her babies back to the X-ray

Department. All the rantings and cussings that the Major heaps on Susie's head do not faze her in the least—she just purrs and purrs.

ALUMNI QUACKS

No word as yet from Frediani, but a reliable source has informed us that the delay in hearing from "Juice" is due to the fact that he stopped off to catch a fish in the Dead Sea. Takes quite awhile sometimes!

We hear that Johnny Johnson and Isobel Murtha finally caught up with each other in France, and pitched a big 'un. How did that monthly ration of yours hold out, Isobel?

In the Army-Navy Register we see that our old friend "Blimp" Clagett is now a Lt. Colonel. Congratulations, "Blimp," and how are you making out over there without your daily ration of four scoops of ice cream?

Captain John Osmond, ex- X-Ray, writes that the 100th General is back in jolly old England. John is now Chief of X-ray but would rather be on his way home to see his new daughter. That X-Ray is sure powerful stuff.

Bud Turnbull writes that he has a finger in practically every job at his new station, and so far he hasn't met up with any of those slow horses or fast women that Louisville is famous for. Take your time, Bud, we're rootin' for you.

By "DOC" DUCK

BEACHWOOD N. J. (ALNS)

Building lots taken over by the borough for non-payment of taxes will be given, free and clear, to local war veterans who want to build postwar homes here, announced Mayor Jacob Jerue. It is estimated that from 50 to 60 of the better ones will be held for local men who are on the fighting fronts in the American armed forces.

A Day With The Band

Through the Pemberton Gate at 11 A. M., April 9th, rolled a convoy composed of two busses, five trucks, and several cars, which made its way to the main Red Cross Building at Tilton General Hospital. The cargo? The 1st Combat Infantry Band, its instruments and stage settings.



This unique organization, whose members have all seen overseas service and represent every major theatre of operations, had come here to entertain the patients with "musical therapy"—the brand of music our wounded veterans understand and enjoy—the brand of music to appeal to every taste and to stir every heart, especially the hearts of fighting men.

Over a coast-to-coast hook-up of the National Broadcasting Company, fed by Station WTTM, Trenton, the band gave a concert at 12:30 P. M. With the Recreation Hall filled with wheelchair patients, a thrilling program was presented, a program demonstrating the amazing versatility of the outfit. Marches, popular music and ballads were played with equal brilliance, high-lighted by an in-

terview with Col. S. Jay Turnbull, in which he welcomed the band and stressed the importance of "Musical Therapy" in the recovery of the patients.

A much-deserved steak dinner awaited the musicians after the broadcast in Patients' Mess No. 1, and a brief period of relaxation was followed by another concert at the open-air theatre of the Main Section. The stage was colorfully set, and the band members, all of whom were much-bedecked with ribbons and citations of many varieties, presented a vast repertoire of music, including martial strains, choral singing, popular ballads, and native songs gathered from the many lands where they had served.

A repeat performance of this inspiring concert followed at the outdoor theatre of Tilton Annex. The patients were unanimous in their praise of this fine entertainment, and seldom has such enthusiasm and hearty applause been accorded a show here.

In the evening a party was held in the Recreation Hall across the street from Chapel 13 in honor of the band, with refreshments in abundance, and graced by the presence of charming young hostesses from Haddonfield, New Jersey. Enjoying a "postman's holiday" members of the band, who had played practically all day, sat in for kicks with the Tilton orchestra, and continued to jam far into the night with old stand-bys like "Sweet Sue" and "Margie". It was one of the most successful affairs ever held at Tilton, and more than one member of the 1st Combat Infantry Band expressed regret that their schedule would not permit spending more than one day here.

We are all deeply indebted and truly grateful to this excellent organization for visiting us, and bringing to us music that will not soon be forgotten. It was a red letter day for us, that day with the 1st Combat Infantry Band.



Nurses Chart



Tilton Nurses

Expanding proportionately with the rest of this installation, the Army Nurse Corps at Tilton, which in August of 1941 numbered thirty-five members, at present includes more than two hundred nurses regularly assigned here. Major Dorothy Miller, Principal Chief Nurse, regrets the fact that the girls "come in and out so fast these days", she hardly has an opportunity to become acquainted with them individually. Many of Tilton's nurses have received overseas orders, and in turn are replaced by veterans of foreign theatres of operation, so that at the present writing, approximately twenty-five percent of the Corps here have seen overseas service.

Having served twenty-seven months in the South Pacific herself, including Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, New Caledonia, and New Hebrides (plus assorted island hopping on a small scale), Major Miller, who expresses the hope that she may again be ordered to foreign duty, is justifiably proud of her nurses.

"Tonga Tabu" sounds like the setting of a Dorothy Lamour flicker to most of us, but to Lts. Katherine Stanfield, Sabrina Stevens, Margaret Gould and Capt. Rhea Carr, it's the scene of many months of unselfish service. Then there are Lts. Carolina Avila, Janet Conklin, and Mae L. Ott, who were stationed in India--mysterious, oriental land of the Taj Mahal and the

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Cadet Nurses

A group of sixty young women, all whom have had two and a half years of training as student nurses, have arrived at Tilton to take their places alongside the hundreds of other nurses here. This group, averaging in age between nineteen and twenty-one, is our first contingent of Cadet Nurses, who have completed all their theory and application, and are here for six months' practical experience in nursing.

Captain H. Rosalind MacLean is Director of Cadets, assisted by 1st Lt. Emma L. Shaffer. A veteran of four years' Army experience, having served in Naples and as Chief Nurse of the Station Hospital in Bizerte, Capt. MacLean is well-qualified for her present assignment, and demonstrates sincere enthusiasm in this enterprise.

The Cadets are trained entirely at Government expense, with a gentlemen's agreement that they will join the service when the three years are completed.

Technically, they are still civilians, but are treated as potential Army nurses and officers. When their training at Tilton is completed, they will return to their own hospitals as graduate nurses to await taking State Boards. Having passed these examinations, they will then be eligible for commissions in the Army Nurse Corps.

The six months' training per-

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Nurses B.T.C.

Among the many innovations at Tilton General Hospital since the turn of the year has been the establishment here of the 2nd Service Command's Army Nurse Corps Basic Training Center. Located across the street from the main entrance to Tilton Annex, the center at present quarters approximately five hundred newly-commissioned 2nd Lieutenants in the Army Nurse Corps, undergoing four weeks of intensive Army basic training.

Director of these "rookie nurses" is Captain Claire E. Martin, aided by a staff of five assistant directors. From the point of view of length of service, Captain Martin ranks among Tilton's oldest veterans, having been assigned here since September of 1941, and until recently acting as assistant to the Chief Nurse.

The four weeks' indoctrination course covers the various subjects which the War Department has directed that all nurses must learn before they are assigned to active duty, and it is patterned along similar lines to the medical soldier's training schedule. It is actually a condensation of that program with certain changes, its major purpose being to introduce these new officers to Army procedures.

Included in the course, for example, are ten hours of dismounted drill, and three road marches. The nurses are also required to go through gas cham-

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WASTE NOT - NEED NOT

It is the desire of the Commanding Officer that every member of this Command actively participate in the Conservation program inaugurated by the War Department.

Under the chairmanship of Lt. Col. Harold V. Fitzgerald, Director of Supply at Tilton General Hospital, the program is aimed primarily at arousing a keener sense of appreciation of the importance and value of conservation in the overall war effort. Every officer, enlisted man and woman, and civilian employee on duty here must lend himself to the conservation of food, equipment, supplies, manpower, fuel, buildings, etc., to the fullest.

This program is a continuous effort until final victory is achieved, and there cannot be any abatement in the aggressiveness of action. Capt. Paul B. Henon, Q.M.C., has been designated Clothing and Equipment Conservation Officer and he has stressed that it is essential that not a single item of clothing or equipment above authorized allowances be in the possession of individuals or in stock in supply rooms, and that all material be kept in first class condition at all times.

Closely linked with the Conservation Program is the Suggestion Program, which encourages the submission of ideas which will prove of saving to the Government. Both military and civilian personnel are eligible for awards, which consist of cash prizes, furloughs and passes. Winners may also be awarded certificates of commendation. When ideas are entered, it is important that mention be made of the approximate financial saving to the Government.

Conservation of all equipment is the patriotic duty of every citizen—both military and civilian. Full cooperation in this program will aid a speedy victory by reducing the manifold problems of production and supply.



Voluntary Return of Army Clothing & Equipment

At the request of the Quartermaster General, a campaign has been initiated which urges the voluntary return of Army clothing and equipment by discharged veterans. Such returns will save the Government money, and in addition, lighten demands on the clothing industry.

Articles should be inserted in a container which, together with the clothing, does not weigh more than 30 pounds, and shipped by express, collect, to any nearby Army post, camp or station, addressed "Attention: Quartermaster, Clothing and Equipage Classification Officer."

Families of service men and discharged veterans who now have any Army clothing or equipment in their possession should consider it a service to our land by sending items back to Army channels.

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151st Station Hospital and the 32nd Station Hospital, where he was in charge of Professional Services. In Sicily, he was with the 38th Evacuation Hospital, and in Italy, back with the 32nd Station Hospital and detached service to Anzio Beach, and then back to the States. Shortly after his return, he was assigned to Fort Dix Station Hospital, and has remained at this installation ever since, having served as Asst. 1st. Sgt. of the Medical Detachment at the Annex, and has recently taken over the job of 1st. Sgt. for the entire Medical Detachment. The consensus is that he is not only here to stay but the Detachment will like it.

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River Ganges. Lt. Kathleen Hunt served in Ahwaz, Persia, Lt. Geraldine Klipfel in Iceland, Lt. Louise Durante in Trinidad, Lts. Helen Larsen and Freda Binzer in Alaska, Lt. Philomena Andriola in Hawaii, Lts. Margaret Evans, Elizabeth Koenig, Mildred Pence, Alberta Parent and Phyllis Rowand in Australia and New Guinea.

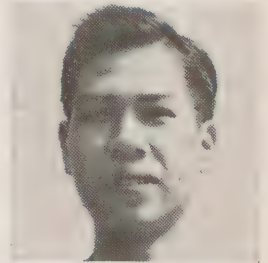
A goodly number of our nurses have served in England, Italy and North Africa, and have undergone all the rigors of modern warfare along with our troops. They have been bombed and strafed, they have come to know intimately the terrific roar of heavy artillery fire, they have lived the war as only our combat men have done, and they have returned home smiling and triumphant, for that is the way of an American.

HEROES ALL



Pvt. Norman (Handsome) Witkin of the Bronx was with an armored force in New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon, receiving his injuries in San Manuel. When we visited him in Ward 9, he told us how his tank was waiting in ambush when a Jap tank rolled along and stopped in front of our infantry. A high explosive shell made a direct hit on the Jap tank, blowing its occupants fifty feet in the air.

Pvt. Fan Wong, a died-in-the-wool New Yorker, is allergic to shrapnel, according to his buddies in Ward 34. A member of the 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, Seventh Army, he arrived at Tilton in November, '44, with chest, arm, leg and foot wounds, and is doing very well at present, thank you. He once worked in an aircraft factory.



Having served in France, Belgium and Luxembourg with the 35th Infantry Division, Pvt. Norman L. Johnson of Ward 10 was impressed by the abundance of money and the lack of commodities available in the invaded countries. Norman, whose home is in Hartford, Conn., would like to contact his buddy, Pvt. Pete Massaro.

Caught in a "surprise" artillery fire in the Anzio fighting, Pvt. Edward Lewandowski of Philadelphia (84th Chemical Bn.), his own leg badly injured, went to the rescue of some of his badly burned comrades. He had already been wounded once in the battle of Salerno in September of '43. Ed recently received his unit's commendation.



The mustache belongs to T/Sgt. Roland Basini, a Brooklynite, member of the 328th Infantry, 26th Division. Basini was awarded the Bronze Star when he led a litter party to a group of injured G. I's. At Roth, France, he met a family who had relatives in Rochester, N. Y. T/Sgt. Basini would like to contact Sgt. Cabrel.



Comedian **DANNY THOMAS**, entertains patients at T.G.H. with Nat Brusiloff's regular Monday **"TILTON TROUPERS"** show.



Col. S. Jay Turnbull reviews Nurses Basic Training Class 3 on completion of their training period.



PIONEERS: These annex patients have their own Broadcast on Thursdays at 1530 over WTTM.

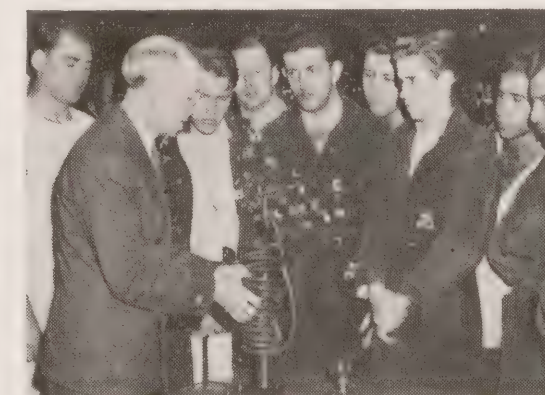


Lt. Col. Cora Webb Bass chats with Capt. Bette Alter during visit to Tilton General Hospital.



REMEMBER WHEN: Non-Com's acted as K.P.'s for the detachment, way back in 1943. Serving are Sgt. White, and then T-5 Al Pels, as Sgt. Wm. Haines keeps an eye on their technique. As each issue will have a memory picture, let's have requests.

Photos by Sgt. Larry Becker



NOTHING TO IT: Howard W. Gross shows reconditioning class some facts on electricity, as part of educational program.



AIR MEDAL awarded to Lt. Clayton Rung, by Col. S. Jay Turnbull, MC Commanding Officer of Tilton General Hospital.



CADET NURSES arrive at Tilton. Welcome to our post.



HERE TO DO THEIR PART

Left to Right: Lt. Stauffer, Transportation Officer, T G H; Mrs. Bernard Jacobus; Mrs. H. G. Reeder II, Chairman; Mrs. George T. Gretton Jr.; Mrs. C. Pierce Pray and Miss Elizabeth Case.

AWVS Comes To TILTON

The American Women's Voluntary Services, whose workers come from Mercer and Burlington Counties, will work in two shifts at Tilton General Hospital, performing many invaluable functions. One of their contributions will be the driving of staff cars and ambulances. In addition to this, AWVS members expert in the field will soon open a War Photography Course to introduce the patients to the intricacies of photography. The volunteers began a sewing class on April 12th.

Volunteer workers are urgently needed to aid in this valuable enterprise. Those interested should see Mrs. H. G. Reeder II, Bordentown, N. J.

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After serving as Regimental Chaplain of the 198th for nearly seventeen years it was just like leaving home when orders transferred the Colonel to the XIV Corps as Chief of Chaplains Section, where he supervised the work of over 100 Chaplains on five islands.

He participated in the entire Bougainville Campaign and received the Bronze Star Medal awarded by the Commanding General of the XIV Corps. Last Summer he shipped to San Francisco on rotation having been stationed in the South Pacific nearly 32 months.

A well deserved leave in Wilmington, Delaware, and then two weeks at the Redistribution Center, Miami Beach, Florida. Temporary duty at Chief of Chaplains School office, Washington, D.C. The Chaplains' School, Fort Devens, Massachusetts followed immediately by his attending The Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he served as President of his class and graduated February 10th.

A brief stay in the Chaplains Replacement Pool, Brooklyn P.O.E. ended by his assignment here at the Tilton General Hospital.

His ribbons and decorations include World War I, the Asiatic-Pacific with Star, a Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in combat on Bougainville, the American Theatre and the American Defense.

The Chaplains are always available for counselling and interviews. The Chapels are open day and night for private devotions.

In the future it is planned to have regularly scheduled programs in the Chapels: Pipe organ and classical musical concerts, guest vocal and instrumental soloists and local choral groups.

How Do You Like Our New MAGAZINE?

We present to you our first printed edition of TILTON TALK, the result of quantities of hard work and planning on the part of the staff. Our major purpose is to please you, and in order to do so, we solicit suggestions, contributions and constructive criticism by patients and personnel. Address all correspondence to TILTON TALK, and forward via message center. Our office and press are located in the building in back of Ward 33.

WATCH THE BIRDIE

By T-4 Lawrence Becker

If you are the average person with a Kodak or a box camera, who likes to spend a sunny afternoon snapping pictures of your friends, then look this column over. So many of the pictures you take have simple faults that a bit of forethought on your part **before** you press the button would eliminate.

FIRST, let's take my pet peeve, distracting backgrounds. So many people forget that the camera takes everything at which they point it, so if you stand the girl friend in front of an ash barrel, sure enough, it will appear in the picture. Pick a natural background for your picture, or one that won't detract from your subject, such as an ugly foundation, or cross-running boards that are part of a number of houses. Instead, let's use that hedge, or that large bush that's so handy, not forgetting the awful looking telegraph pole which so often sneaks into those snapshots.

SECOND, those squinty looks that are caused by looking into the sun can be avoided by turning as much as 45 degrees away from it, and the result in the lighting of the face will be most pleasing.

THIRD, make your subjects play-act for you. Try to make them forget that pictures are being taken. Looking into the camera should be avoided. Let the magazines be your guide in the planning of pictures, and you can portray the personality as well as the looks of your subject.

In 1, 2, 3 order then, remember background, lighting, and above all, keep your subject natural, doing natural things.

O. T. NEWS

Passing through the Occupational Therapy work shop on a busy afternoon reminds one of delving into a Walt Disney Fairyland, or perhaps scanning scores of Rube Goldberg plans for bigger and better worlds in which to live. But there's a down-to-earth aspect of this story too, as you will see.

Cpl. Henry J. Zalewski and Cpl. Edward J. Honorowski, both of Shandoah, Pa., are making rabbits of scrap material donated by housewives of this vicinity. Rabbits are the rage at present, and S/Sgt Maurice A. Belanger is producing one on a bristle board, with the skillful use of pastels. One of his creations now adorns the wall in Patients' Mess.

A group of patients who are obviously cat and dog lovers are fashioning miniature animals from a variety of materials. Some of the results require a vivid imagination.

In the wood-work shop we find projects varying in size from 2 or 3 inches, to 4 or 5 feet. One of the undertakings is a pair of book-ends being made by Pfc. George A. Collins of Laconia, New Hampshire, who is using solid black walnut splashed with super grains, and is cutting initials in the form of a monogram.

Some of the fellows have made metal wrist bands that are really beautiful. Pvt. Rocco P. Policastro of Hoboken is forming one from aluminum scrap donated by the Fort Dix Air Base.

And now to hit the joy department. Lt. Bob L. Root of Buffalo, New York, has started construction of a bar for his livingroom. He has drawn a complete sketch, to scale, of his project, which will be collapsible in form, approximately five feet long and four and a half feet high. He has selected western pine, plywood, and oak, the latter serving as trimming. We hope he stocks the bar while at Tilton.

HAVE YOU A SUGGESTION

The Suggestion Committee has made the following awards since December to military and civilian personnel of Tilton General Hospital for good ideas submitted:

Mrs. R. B. Waxman, \$10.00; Mary E. Pie, \$91.00; Sgt. Gilbert Corwin, 3-day pass; Sgt. Leonard Marcus, letter of commendation; Pvt. Alexander Opalek, 3-day pass; Major Earl Saxe, letter of commendation; Capt. J. Edward Berk, letter of commendation; S/Sgt. Robert J. Tucker, 5-day furlough; Sgt. Edwin J. Stoll, two 3-day passes and letter of commendation (three separate awards.) Pvt. J. P. Mondak, 14-day furlough; Mary Walczak and Edythe Leone, letter of commendation; Major M. T. Woodruff, letter of commendation; Sgt. J. T. Harrell, 3-day pass; Miss Mary Walczak, \$25.00.

Col. Fitzgerald, chairman of the Suggestion Committee, has announced that a special drive for suggestions is in progress. (When you submit your contribution, be sure to specify the approximate amount of money your suggestion would save the Government annually.)

HERE and THERE ABOUT TILTON

One of those rare story-book reunions that occur so frequently in prose, but rarely in real life, happened at Tilton recently, much to the delight of those involved in this unusual episode. Lt. Regina Sauln, now a patient in Ward 4, Lt. Elizabeth Koenig, a nurse assigned here, and Cpl. Richard Jones, wardmaster of Ward 18, have been reunited after a separation of almost two years.

It all began early in 1942, when the three were members of the 17th Station Hospital group, an overseas outfit which landed first in Australia to set up a hospital in a desert mining town. The "hospital" consisted solely of tents, and the operating room, of which Lt. Sauln was in charge, was the only permanent structure. They struck up a lasting friendship which continued until April of 1943, when Cpl. Jones was transferred to a portable field outfit.

A month later, Lt. Koenig became ill, and was shipped back to the States, leaving Lt. Sauln alone of the original three. The 17th Station Hospital soon moved to New Guinea, where she helped set up a hospital composed of native grass huts, and then on to the Dutch East Indies in October of 1944.

"We were the only hospital on a beautiful coral island, and we had all the comforts of home. It was built by the Seabees in a very compact manner, and nothing was missing."

Lt. Sauln left the outfit for the States in February of this year, after having served overseas for 33 months, and when she arrived as a patient at Tilton, one of the first people she

met on her way from the R. & D. Office was her old friend, "Liz" Koenig. The initial surprise over, she was further amazed to learn that Cpl. Jones was also assigned to Tilton. It does happen here.

It's well worth your while to visit the War Information Center, located in the building formerly used as a joint day-room, in the rear of Ward 35. Here you'll find up-to-the-minute war maps, clippings, your choice of newspapers, summaries, and pamphlets of all varieties. If you're interested in the courses offered by the United States Armed Forces Institute, you may obtain detailed information in regard to this excellent service.

The furnishings are comfortable and the atmosphere pleasant, and you can spend a profitable hour there keeping posted on the latest happenings in all the theatres of operation as well as on the home front.

Back in the palmy days of 1936, Captain Cushing, then a young newspaperman with the Detroit News, worked for a while in the advertising department of Station WWJ, and in that capacity, met many radio stars.

At that time, he struck up a friendship with an entertainer by the name of Danny Thomas, who had a show called "Black Ace", and they remained pals until "Cush" was drafted in 1941. You guessed it,—they met again recently at Tilton General Hospital, where Danny appeared with the Nat Brusiloff show! The two had a

lively time of it reminiscing about the good old days in Detroit. Danny is appearing on the Fanny Brice radio show, having recently toured the European Theatre with the USO.

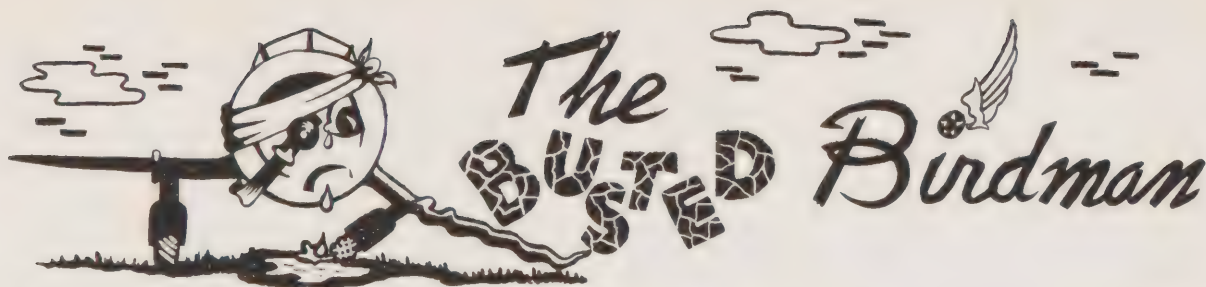
The Daily News Summaries, which we have been finding on our trays and tables in the mess halls at breakfast each day, are supplied to the patients and personnel of Tilton General Hospital as a courtesy of THE NEW YORK TIMES, and are distributed by the Information and Education Office. These morning news summaries are especially vital now that we are entering the final momentous days of the European War.

As each morning finds us twenty-four hours closer to Victory, we keep apace with last-minute developments by careful reading of the welcome and reliable NEW YORK TIMES DAILY NEWS SUMMARIES.

SPRING TIDE

By Pfc. Mary Mason

The Spring night breathes
in reeling sweetness,
And the new moon gleams
in a setting of diamonds.
The faint, whispering rustle
of green things growing,
Stirs my heart to a deep unrest.
Can it be, in those far lands,
That this soft flood
has touched you too?
On the green hillside
Pan pipes his haunting call,
And I hear your answer
in the sighing wind,
"I know, and feel, and understand."



A RESURRECTION: Webster defines the verb "to resurrect," thusly: "To bring back to life; to reanimate; to bring back to notice". Tilton Talk is undergoing such a change, and this department, The Busted Birdman, is likewise being reanimated. The appearance of The Busted Birdman is a tribute to the fine cooperation the AAF Liaison Office has received from all Tilton personnel, from Colonel Turnbull on down to the enlisted personnel.

The Runway will continue as a feature on this page, and the photograph of Lt. Fitzpatrick and Sgt. Romano is the first of a planned series of shots of Tilton AAF patients. We intend to keep you abreast of any changes in AAF policies regarding convalescent hospitals, redistribution stations and other AAF facilities. It is also our intention to feature poems or jokes written by our patients. So if you've got an idle five minutes (am I kidding?) grab a pen and a piece of paper, and make with the words. We are located in the Registrar's Office, Tilton Main. Bring or send your material up to us.

INCREASED BEDS IN AAF CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS:

Your attention is invited to paragraph 3, AFPDC Ltr. 25-64, dated 24 March 1945, which reads as follows: "It is desired that you bring to the attention of the responsible authorities of your hospital, information as to the availability of AAF Convalescent Hospital beds and lend your efforts to the stimulation of desire for, and accomplishment of, the transfers of all AAF and ASWA AF patients in your hospital to the AAF Convalescent Hospitals, which are commensurate with sound medical judgment on the part of the hospital authorities.

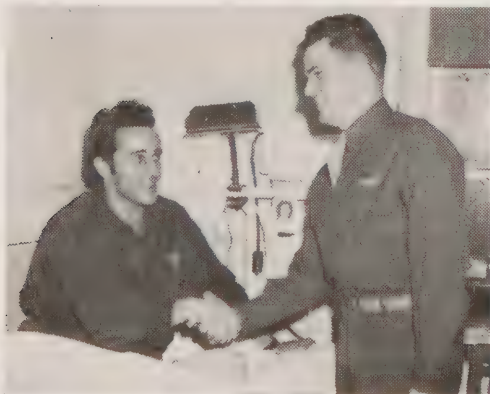
AIR FORCE MAGAZINE:

The April Issue of Air Force Magazine has been distributed to both the Main and Annex Libraries and Red Cross buildings. A limited supply is being retained at the AAF Liaison Office, for

distribution at your request.

SWIMMING THERAPY:

A plan (prepared by representatives of Hqs. AFPDC in conjunction with the National Director of Aquatics, American Red Cross) for the use of swimming as therapy in Convalescent Hospitals has been approved, and final details for placing it in operation are now being arranged. The program is designed so that it can be applied either wholly or in part to medical, surgical, and operational fatigue patients. It will operate on three levels of skill: non-swimmers, novice, and skilled swimmers. In order to acquire properly trained personnel to supervise the activities, PDC is sending one officer and three enlisted men, selected because of their swimming ability, from each of the Convalescent Hospitals, to attend a two weeks course at Miami beach. Cont. on next Page



REUNION AT TILTON:

When 1st Lt. Edward F. Fitzpatrick and S-Sgt. Frank V. Romano last parted, they little thought that they would meet again in the same hospital in the U. S. The 15th Air Force B-24 pilot and his engineer gunner were injured when they crash landed in Italy. They are both T. G. H. patients, Lt. Fitzpatrick arriving here 35 days before Sgt. Romano.

FLIGHT SURGEON:

Major Leone, the AFPDC Flight Surgeon, will be here on or about the 17 of May or 1st of June. Major Leone will visit all AAF flight personnel and any ground personnel who may wish to see him. It is suggested that the latter call 23161 at some time prior to his arrival so that their names may be added to his list.

WHISPERS

By S/Sgt. Eddie Judge

Just received a letter from Ronnie Kraussner, who is in France. He wants to be remembered to all the guys here, and to quote from his letter: "Ed, you'd go for Paris. Some of the boys had an opportunity to go there, and they haven't been the same since!" Ronnie also tells about a visit to Pompeii that is a killer, but we can't print it.

Ken Meyers relays about one joke every six months, and the last one is about a rabbit who was found sitting in a frigidaire. The lady of the house asked him what he was doing there, and the rabbit countered with, "Isn't this a Westinghouse?" The surprised housewife replied that it was. "Well," chirped the rabbit, "I'm just westing."

Wonder what happened to our amigo, Al Ciaburri??? Long time no hear from him. If you're still reading **TILTON TALK** Al, how's about a few lines now and then?

Said goodbye to Flo Johnson Chiafullo the other day. Flo and her husband are bound for sunny California after receiving their Army discharges the same day.

Betty Garrett, Lew Wills, Jr., and Charmaine, plus a bevy of beautiful chicks from Olsen and Johnson's "Laffing Room Only" show had the patients yowling for more at the Rec Hall on Monday, April 9th. While backstage with Fred Sommers and Captain Cushing, arranging for the show to come to Tilton, Olsen presented the Captain and yours truly with a G. I. tie. Nothing spectacular about that, except that on the tag was printed, "**STOLEN from OLSEN and JOHNSON.**"

Rita Vann, musical comedy star, has promised to come here in the near future. Also Kitty Carlisle, as soon as she finishes her present engagement in New York.

That mob in the corridors on Fridays the 13th wasn't a "Jinx Parade." Just a bunch of goggle-eyed patients and civilian visitors trying to get a glimpse of Arlene Whelan, the Hollywood star, making a tour of the wards. (Arlene insisted on Friday the 13th, and from the results, it sure wasn't a jinx for the patients).

Ask Lige Potts what he has up his sleeve—in the sotto voce manner.

That rockin' and rollin' rhythm your ears were greeted with recently was the 373rd Infantry Band from Camp Kilmer, with Si Oliver conducting.

CREDIT DEPARTMENT:

Orchids to T/5 Howard Tuomi and Pvt. Louis Stamm, the two guys who run the printing press. They not only set up the press, but when it was finally in operation, printed **TILTON TALK** and other hospital material—and they do it on their own time. Sometimes stay as late as one o'clock in the morning.

The Busted Birdman

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THE RUNWAY: Are any of these AAF men, currently patients at this hospital, buddies of yours? If so, give us a ring at 23161 and we'll see if we can bring you together: Pvt. Joseph P. LaTona, T/Sgt Wells N. Latta, S/Sgt Ray F. Lemmer, Sgt. John H. Leverrock, Sgt. Robert J. Linn, Pvt Dominick Lioto, Cpl. James R. Littleton, Pfc. Arthur S. Lonczak, 1st. Lt. Herbert Login, Pvt. Francis Mahedil, Pfc. Antanese J. Mailhoit, Sgt. Gennaro Manna, Pfc. John Mannino, Cpl. Harold V. Maple, S/Sgt. Walter E. Markowski, Pfc. Donald Mathews, Sgt. Sanford Meltzer, Cpl. Salvatore S. Mendolia Pvt. Truman B. Merrill, Pfc. Clemence A. Meyers, Pvt. Vernon F. Mickle, Pvt. Anthony R. Migliore, T/5 Arthur J. Miles, Sgt. Nicholas H. Mincielli, Pvt. Jacob E. Mirayes, T/5 Samuel I. Mitchell, Pfc. Robert V. Moore, Sgt. Vincent J. Mosca, Pvt. Victor Moseman, Cpl. James D. Moubray, Pfc. Francis J. Muntrew, S/Sgt. Clarence E. Munger, Pvt. Donald K. Myers, Lt. Col. Charles F. MacDonald.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS.)

The War Department has ruled that a family or an organization service flag can now carry a symbol to designate an honorably discharged veteran. The blue star that indicated the man while in service will be replaced by a symbol of gold with a blue edging when he has been honorably discharged.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS.)

Men discharged from the armed forces will now get two shoe ration stamps when they cease to wear the uniform and go into civilian attire. Heretofore they were only issued one shoe stamp.

PRE-MEDS

By BILL REH

Since early January of this year Tilton General Hospital has had as members of the detachment seventeen corpsmen who were formerly a part of the Army Specialized Training Program. These men are pre-medical students from Hamilton College, New York and from Princeton University, New Jersey.

The pre-meds are here at Tilton waiting for September and October classes to open at New York University's Bellevue Medical College, at the New York College of Medicine, at the medical college of the University of Rochester, in New York, and at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, and for a July class at Albany Medical College.

Assigned to this hospital in order to gain some practical experience in the medical field and, incidentally, to help alleviate the manpower shortage here, these ASTPers have all been placed on either surgical or neuro-psychiatric service. It was felt that in these services the students would have the greatest opportunity to learn. In order to further their experience and training, the pre-meds are occasionally invited to witness an operation or an autopsy, but their primary job is the same as that of a wardman or technician in the O.R. or one of the clinics.

Before being assigned to Princeton and Hamilton, the pre-meds were members of regular army organizations and were screened several times to determine their aptitudes for the training they were about to commence. Many had been pre-medical students in college as civilians. Once finished with the army's fifteen month pre-medical course, the students were again rigidly screened and their records were scrutinized.

Those who were accepted for further training were then assigned to the nation's best medical colleges and sent to various army hospitals to await new classes. The seventeen students here at Tilton are a part of about 2500, all that are left of the original 175,000 ASTP students.

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bers before completing the requirements for overseas service.

At least ninety percent of these new nurses, most of whom have come to us directly from civilian nursing jobs, have expressed the wish for overseas service, and there is every indication that this wish will be gratified. Upon completion of their basic training, they will be assigned to various stations in the

2nd Service Command, whence many will receive overseas orders.

We all extend a hearty welcome to these new members of the Army Nurse Corps, and are grateful to them for answering the plea of our Commander-in-Chief, who has repeatedly emphasized the urgent need for more nurses in our Armed Forces.

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How we long for a glimpse of our old buddies, for those friendly gab-fests and gripe sessions which included everyone! Fondly do we recall the time when ONE family, not five, reigned supreme.

Well, the time for decision is here, and the futility of weeping over spilt milk or mop-buckets is over! So we'll make the best of the unhappy situation, and live only for the day when underground tunnels will connect our five barracks, making us one again!

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and five kittens are doing well, but Captain Rosen is trying to figure out how the feline found her way to the MATERNITY ward. And they talk about "dumb" animals.

Colonel Becomes GRANDPA

Master Douglas Jay Munnikhuysen made his entrance into the world at 11:41 A.M., 18 April 1945, in Ward 40, Tilton General Hospital. Young Doug is the son of Ensign and Mrs. Douglas Y. Munnikhuysen. His mother is the former Miss Betty Turnbull, daughter of Col. Turnbull, and he bears the added distinction of being the Colonel's FIRST grandchild.

Weighing in at 6 lbs., 12 oz., with blondish hair and blue eyes, 'tis said the baby bears a very close resemblance to his grandpa. And he's truly a military baby---his paternal grandfather being General Henry M. Munnikhuysen, and his uncle the renowned Lt. "Bud" Turnbull. His daddy is at sea, a naval officer. Douglas was born approximately forty feet away from the spot where his mother was born, and his parents were married at Fort Dix.

NEW DISCHARGE FORM

The Army has prepared a new discharge form for both officer and enlisted personnel. It combines the discharge certificate of service, with the report of separation, and is designed to assist both the discharged veteran and his future employer.

The new form supplies prospective employers and governmental agencies with a concise history of each veteran. In addition to personal data, it contains a brief record of the man's military history, his length of service, military occupational specialty, battles, campaigns, and awards received. Listed, too, is a record of each service school attended. It serves as a discharge certificate or certificate of service for officer or enlisted personnel, and thus enables the veteran to have with him at all times his credentials and history, combined in one brief paper.

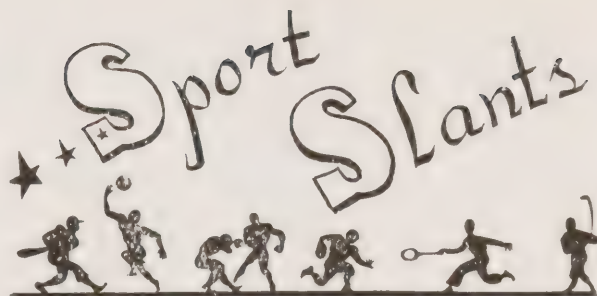
Eight copies of the report of separation are made at one writing, as a time and money saver.

They are sent to governmental agencies which assist the veteran in obtaining the benefits and privileges due him. Copies now go to the soldier; to the Adjutant General, for the soldier's personal record; the Service Command from which he was inducted; Veterans' Administration Headquarters, Veterans Administration Regional Office, State Director of Selective Service; Selective Service Re-Employment Committeeman, and the Veterans' Employment Representative.

These new forms represent the consolidation of twenty forms previously used, and give in a concise and compact manner a comprehensive picture of the training and experience of each man discharged from the Army.

A BRUSH IN THE HAND

We are indebted to T/5 Robert E. Lee, for our column headings, art work, and general lay-out. He has proved himself invaluable both as artist and production manager. Bob was studying at Pratt Institute at the time of his enlistment.



S/Sgt Ted Hoover will lead our Tilton softball team in the Post League opener next week. Excelling in many positions, Hoover now holds down short center for the Medics. Ted is an all around athlete, and has previously participated in Tilton's football and basketball teams. He will be long remembered for having averaged approximately 15 points per game throughout the basketball season:

A native of Norton, Kansas, Ted attended Kansas State College. Upon completing his college courses, he coached basketball and football at Johnson City High School, Johnson City, Kansas. He is now a physical education instructor here, and will no doubt prove a great asset to Fort Dix sports in the future.

Softball—This sport is now taking the spotlight, and the various teams are preparing for their scheduled games. Tilton will be represented by three WAC and one enlisted men's teams. WAC 5 will be captained by Sgt. June Lottrige; WAC 6 by Pfc. Salome Stone; other team captains will be announced shortly.

Anyone desiring to try out for the various teams should sign up in his orderly room. The Tilton teams will participate in the Post League, and the enlisted men's team is also scheduled to play off post games.

Athletic equipment for recreational purposes may be obtained from your supply sergeant. Among the material available is the following: Softballs, bats, gloves, volleyballs, tennis balls, badminton rackets, shuttle cocks, softball uniforms, horseshoes, ping-pong equipment, etc. Additional equipment is available at Reconditioning, provided it is not being used by the patients.

With the arrival of spring, it is strongly recommended that all who can possibly do so, avail themselves of recreational opportunities afforded at Tilton. As a physical and a morale builder, nothing can surpass group sports.

★LIBRARY NOTES..

Tilton's Army Service Library has recently acquired a great number of new books; among the best of these are the following sure winners.

Winslow's **FOREVER AMBER**, currently one of the top best-sellers, is the romantic story of an actress in the court of Charles II of England. History's most devastating plague is one of the many thrilling episodes of this great novel.

For crime fans, Reik's whodunnit, **THE UNKNOWN MURDERER**, points out fallacies in ordinary detection methods.

GREAT SON by Edna Ferber is the exciting tale of four generations of fighting and building in the Pacific northwest.

The story in detail of the Jap's nemesis, Task Force 58, is the plot of Jensen's **CARRIER WAR**.

A Greek family is caught up in the Nazi invasion and Westcott in his **A PARTMENT IN ATHENS** describes the effect of brute mentality on the emotions of the vanquished.

Light and informal in style is Wechsberg's **LOOKING FOR A BLUEBIRD**. It is the story of a musician who played on many of the French trampships and liners.

A proud and wealthy old American family helps to found an art museum and the reader is fascinated by **IMAGE OF JOSEPHINE** by Booth Tarkington.

In connection with USAFI, a new shelf of career books has been added to the library, and more books on vocational subjects have been purchased.

In My Estimation by Arthur Bieler

Toward the end of World War I, one of the most popular sayings making the rounds among the capitals of Europe was the one expressing the difference between Berlin and Vienna. According to the humorists of the time, "The situation in Berlin was serious, but not hopeless; the situation in Vienna, hopeless, but not serious."

Very much has been written and suggested orally about the existence or non-existence of a difference between Austrians and Germans.

The concept prevailing in this country is very much like the one expressed in the above saying; Berlin, and, therefore Germany, is pictured cold, business-like, impersonal in its disregard for culture and comfort; Vienna, and therefore Austria, painted as the city of wine, women, and song, people dancing in the streets, full of life and savoir vivre. The citizen of Berlin, the perfect bureaucrat, conscientious to the point of boredom; the Viennese, irresponsible and charming.

All that is only partly true. A stranger visiting both Vienna and Berlin would have been attracted by the charm of a city in which each house had its history and power of individuality. The same stranger, had he seen Berlin when it was still standing, would have been struck by a certain severity in style and composition. The tempo of the city, people rushing, buying, selling, amusing themselves, would have been four times that of Vienna.

Yet had he selected his places to prove a point, he could have found some charm and individuality in the Prussian city, and a whirlwind of activity in the former Habsburg mainstay.

The main error lies in a misunderstanding of the underlying factors of the difference between the two capitals. The Austrians and Germans are not separate peoples. Comparing Austria with the German province nearest to it, Bavaria, we find that the speech and customs of the two sections are almost identical. Yet the outlook is different. Bavaria is part of the Reich; ideologically, Austria is not.

If we go back in history to the time when Germany consisted of many states, not too closely knit into a makeshift union, two of those states, Austria and Prussia, were most powerful; since one single rallying force was needed to create a strong Germany to take its position at the bargaining table of Europe, the decision had to fall between those two. The struggle was decided in favor of Prussia, by test of arms; as a result of that the Habsburgs were pushed out of Germany completely, and turned east to build an empire of their own, relying mainly on peoples different from themselves in everything but economic interest. When those peoples became intelligent enough to put cultural and ideological interests above their economic ones, the Habsburgian policy led to disaster.

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RED CROSS

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Spring came tumbling into Tilton early this year, and the air is full of the scent and sound of it. At the Red Cross there is a complete change of activities. The "clink clank" of horseshoes and the familar sounds of baseball have taken precedence over pool and ping pong. "Victory Gardens" were only an item mentioned in letters from home at this time last year, but now you can really try making things grow in a Red Cross vegetable patch or flower pot.

"Convalescent weekends" are the thing now. Invitations come from many sources, and the boys who have taken advantage of this opportunity have returned with enthusiastic reports of royal entertainment and hospitality.

Among all the activities we have enjoyed lately, the one we are most proud of is the patient orchestra which has been recently organized. The several radio broadcasts in Trenton were extremely successful, and with the orchestra as a starter, more and better patient shows and programs should follow.

Red Cross is proud of its new music program for the wards. Through an arrangement with the American Federation of Music Clubs, professional musicians are brought to us every Thursday. Among the fine musicians to visit us recently have been Maurice Eisenberg, the outstanding cellist, and Oscar Levant.

While Berlin was becoming the capital of a German state, Vienna had turned into the melting pot of central Europe, Italy and the Balkans, into the place where East and West were to meet and, to all appearances, become one. Berlin was the capital of a nation, a Germanic nation, Vienna the capital of an empire. A man who has spent all his life among his own kind will naturally turn to be what the German call a "Spiessbuerger." Sticking to certain customs, suspecting all innovations, hating everything foreign, all this makes the ideal matrix for the Nazi. On the other hand, one who has come in contact with all kinds of people will more easily understand those people, he will become more tolerant, and by being with them, will even be inclined to adopt some of their characteristics.



While the German stayed within the bounds of Nordic frugality, the Austrian, and especially the Viennese, accepted some of the luxurious customs of the East. What is more, he partially adopted a state of mind that in its origin is certainly Oriental, the acceptance of the fatim, the inescapable fate.

The Viennese had become more polished and less susceptible to racial slogans; even though Nazism was gaining ground, the average citizen did not have the generations of brutality and narrow-mindedness behind him that helped breed the myth of superman in Germany. While, in my estimation, we cannot make human beings out of the present generation of Germans, the task of reconstruction in Austria will be feasible.

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iod here will consist of practical experience in the wards, with a minimum of two hours' ward instruction per week, and the girls will rotate through the various services. In this manner, they will round out their practical nursing curriculum. However, before they are actually assigned to the ward, the Cadets undergo a short basic training period, usually about a week in duration.

The majority of the girls are from New Jersey, with a few from New York and Delaware, and all are young, pretty, and eager to serve.

During an interview with one of the Cadets, we asked the in-

evitable question pertaining to the insignia worn on the blouse, overcoat and hat, and were informed that it is the emblem of the United States Department of Health. The Department was largely responsible for the present Cadet program, therefore its emblem was selected. For each full year of training a Maltese Cross is worn, and two crosses signify a senior Cadet, or two complete years of training. The Maltese Cross is derived from the oldest nursing order in the world, the Knights of Malta.

We all agree that the insignia is as outstanding in its dignity and beauty as the young women who proudly wear it.

ARE YOU A MILLIONAIRE IF NOT, DON'T GO AWOL

Did any of you G.I.'s ever think you would be considered in the same category as a millionaire? Well, that's exactly where you place yourself when you think of "going over the hill." It's almost impossible to imagine that kind of money, so let's bring it down to a feasible sum, -- say around five hundred and fifty dollars. That, too, is a pile of dough when compared with your salary, after your insurance, allotment, and bonds are deducted.

According to a recent article released by the Information and Education Branch, Hq. 2nd Service Command, "A fifteen day unauthorized holiday costs the G.I. roughly thirty-six dollars a day." Here is a breakdown of the figures:

Fifteen days loss of pay	\$27.00
Cost of meals for 15 days	33.75
Cost of lodging for 15 days	45.00
Official telegrams "to tell the army you've been arrested"	1.52
R.R. fare for two guards	97.48
Cost of your R.R. ticket.	43.74
Cost of subsistence, you and guards	30.00
Reward to civilian for your apprehension .	25.00
Loss of 2/3 pay for six months	200.00
Loss of rank for one year, at least	48.00
Total	<u>\$551.49</u>

You can see for yourself that it really costs to go AWOL. That isn't all it costs. It costs you the respect of your buddies, who have to carry your share of duty. It costs peace of mind. You are continually ducking the MP's for fear of being asked to show furlough papers. You will be forced to use other than normal modes of transportation, such as trains which are policed by MP's. Your family is apt to be embarrassed horribly by a government inquiry as to your whereabouts. Then, too, there is always the possibility you will be branded as a deserter. AWOL just doesn't pay.

